

CITY OF OREM
HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
56 North State Street, Room 107, Orem, Utah
August 13, 2014

5:30 PM REGULAR MEETING

CONDUCTING	Kelly Kirkpatrick, Chair
COUNCIL MEMBER	None in attendance
APPOINTED COMMITTEE	Becky Downey, Nathan Coe and Russ Sneddon. Excused Niles Elwood, Ann Pyne and Mike Walker.
CITY SUPPORT STAFF	Brenn Bybee and Kristie Snyder
MEETING CONVENED	5:32 PM

Mr. Kirkpatrick welcomed everyone.

Opening Prayer: Mr. Sneddon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes to be approved are from the May 14, 2014, meeting. Ms. Downey makes a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Sneddon seconds the motion. The May minutes were unanimously approved by the Commission.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM – November 11, 11:00 a.m.

The commission discussed the date and location of the program. Mr. Sneddon said the cemetery sexton stated November is a very difficult time to hold the ceremony at the cemetery. It requires him to keep staff on longer than the budget would normally allow. Ms. Downey said she feels the commission's true purpose is to provide the flag ceremony twice a year and her concern is how to accomplish that some place other than the cemetery. Mr. Coe suggested the regular program be held at the Scera, and a separate flag ceremony could be held at the cemetery. His concern with this is people won't be willing to show up at two different locations. The commission addressed the concern of change of location and the confusion it may cause. Mr. Bybee said the city could address the concern of location change if needed.

Mr. Sneddon suggested rather than keeping the seasonal cemetery staff on for the November program, maybe the use of volunteers, fire and police staff and other city employees could take over some of the responsibilities.

Ms. Downey feels the purpose is to honor veterans on this day and without the flag exchange she is concerned how this will be accomplished. Mr. Sneddon said he doesn't feel the recognition is lessened by doing the flag exchange at a new location rather than the cemetery. Mr. Coe said he feels they could still exchange the flags on standing poles at an indoor ceremony. Mr. Kirkpatrick said he has a full set of flags on poles. Mr.

Bybee said he can see how golden poles on a stage would be nice, but does understand the emotional attachment to the flag ceremony taking place at the cemetery. Mr. Coe thinks the program could still work at another location and it would address the concerns of the cemetery and the ceremony could be similar to the cemetery program. Mr. Coe suggested two sets of flags and poles be used. He feels this would accomplish the same thing. Ms. Downey would like to see the ceremony stay at the cemetery and suggested a vote be taken. Mr. Sneddon would like to see it combined with another ceremony. Mr. Kirkpatrick said Adam Robertson of the Scera would be happy to combine the ceremony with their program that is planned for the Saturday prior to Veterans Day.

Mr. Kirkpatrick will check with the cemetery sexton, Dan Barrett, regarding his concerns and how they can be addressed. Mr. Sneddon stated that at no time has Dan suggested he doesn't appreciate the ceremony, it is just more about staff issue and the logistics and weather related issued. Mr. Kirkpatrick said the Scera purposely moved their program to a Saturday so more families would have the opportunity to attend.

Ms. Downey said she feels that if the program is not held on Veterans Day then it's just not Veterans Day. A vote was taken for the program to be held on the November 11. Voting yes was Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Coe and Ms. Downey. Mr. Sneddon remained neutral. The program will be held November 11, 2014 at 11.

Band: Mr. Sneddon said in the past it has been hard to get a band to commit. It usually doesn't happen until the very last minute. Mountain View High School band has done a good job in the past, but it's hard to get a commitment until the very last minute. Ms. Downey said it is a good idea to continue to have a backup CD with all the music just in case. Ms. Downey will make contact with Mountain View. Mr. Kirkpatrick said they already have all the sheet music they will need.

Music: Mr. Sneddon stated he has connections to a group called "Hearts Gone Wild" and could work with them to provide the music. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated he also has some connection to a former American Idol contestant. The commission decided to save the American Idol opportunity for the Memorial Day program when there will more likely be a younger crowd, or use her as a backup if the other group is not available. The musical group will sing the "National Anthem" and another patriotic hymn/musical number of their choice other than "America the Beautiful", which will be the closing song. Ms. Downey may be out of town, but will know by the next meeting.

BYU AFROTC Rifle Drill Team: Mr. Elwood has confirmed they will be there.

Mr. Sneddon found a box of Orem Veteran Memorial coins and would like to make them available to those that participate in the program each year. At one time the coins were sold as a fundraiser and some money was also found with the coins. Mr. Bybee will submit the money to the city treasure and have it added to the commission's budget.

Mr. Coe stated if the program is held at the cemetery to make sure there are plenty of volunteers and a better sound system/speaker situation. Mr. Sneddon said if the cemetery is the chosen venue they can find some more speakers for better sound and arrange for volunteers. Mr. Bybee stated he could use other city resources and departments to help if needed. Mr. Kirkpatrick called for a vote on the location of the program. Mr. Kirkpatrick will talk to Dan Barrett regarding the use of the cemetery and

the sound issues. Mr. Bybee will check with other departments on getting a commitment for help. Ms. Downey said in the past a commission member was assigned to find an alternative location due to inclement weather. Mr. Bybee suggested to just plan on the cemetery without an alternative location.

Guest Speaker: Don Norton will be the Featured Speaker.

Prayers: Mr. Sneddon will check with Chief Gary Giles and Chief Scott Gurney for opening and closing prayers. Ms. Downey suggested it would be nice to have them in uniform.

Pledge: Mr. Bybee suggested Judge Reed S. Parkin of the Orem Justice Court. Ms. Snyder will check with him.

Next Meeting

September 10, 2014 at 5:30 pm. Ms. Snyder will reserve the same room.

Closing Prayer: Ms. Downey.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.